

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaims June, 2003, as

Youth Employment Month

Whereas, During the summer season, hundreds of thousands of Michigan teenagers will begin seeking jobs, and for many it may be their first job; preparation must begin in advance of young people searching for employment to provide valuable summer work experiences; and,

Whereas, Every summer, communities face the task of providing opportunities for out-of-school youth, whether they will be returning to school in the fall or moving permanently into the work force; and,

Whereas, The contributions of local businesses, educational, government, and community groups are essential to the process of promoting and developing productive summer opportunities for youth; and,

Whereas, Michigan employers should recognize that hiring young people, even temporarily, is an investment in the future of our State and Nation, while such work experiences help reinforce the skills and values taught in our homes and schools; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services can provide information to businesses, schools, and parents on aspects of legally and safely employing minors; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June, 2003, as Youth Employment Month in Michigan, and I encourage employers to offer meaningful, safe and valuable work and volunteer opportunities for our young people consistent with their skills, abilities, and interests.

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